

**North Camden Community-Wide Assessment Project 2020
NARRATIVE INFORMATION SHEET**

1. Applicant Identification: Cooper's Ferry Partnership, Inc. R02-20-A-002
One Port Center
2 Riverside Drive, Suite 501
Camden, New Jersey 08103
2. Funding Requested: a. Assessment Grant Type: Community-wide
b. Federal Funds Requested:
i. \$299,451 Requested
ii. N/A
c. Contamination: Hazardous Substances
3. Location:
a. Camden City
(specifically, the North Camden neighborhood, census tracts 6007 and 6008)
b. Camden County
c. New Jersey
4. Property Information for Site-Specific Proposal: N/A
5. Contacts:
a. Project Director: Meishka L. Mitchell, Vice President, 856.757.9154,
meishka@coopersferry.com, 2 Riverside Drive, Suite 501, Camden, NJ 08013
b. Chief Executive: Kris Kolluri, Chief Executive Office, 856.757.9154,
kkolluri@coopersferry.com, 2 Riverside Drive, Suite 501, Camden, NJ 08013
6. Population: Camden, NJ - 74,532 US Census 2017 population estimate
North Camden (neighborhood) 6,528 US Census 2010

7. Other Factors Checklist:

OTHER FACTORS	PAGE #
Community population is 10,000 or less.	N/A
Applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or US territory.	N/A
Priority brownfield site is impacted by mine-scarred land	N/A
Priority is adjacent to body of water	Page 2
Priority site is in a federally designated flood plain	Page 2
Redevelopment will facilitate renewable energy	N/A
30%+ of project budget spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority sites within target area	Page 7

8. Letter from State Environmental Authority: Please see attached letter from NJDEP



State of New Jersey

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Lt. Governor

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CATHERINE R. MCCABE
Commissioner

January 30, 2019

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler, Acting Administrator
US Environmental; Protection Agency
401 M Street SW
Washington, DC 20460

**RE: USEPA Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant Application
Cooper's Ferry Partnership (CFP) – North Camden Neighborhood
Camden, New Jersey**

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

On behalf of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, it is my pleasure to endorse the Cooper's Ferry Partnership (CFP) application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for a Community- Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant to assess environmental impacts associated with discharges of hazardous substances at sites in the North Camden neighborhood in the City of Camden, NJ.

CFP would like to develop an aggressive redevelopment strategy to identify, assess and reuse brownfield sites. They are currently working to balance residential development with commercial, industrial and open space uses and have begun to address this objective through individual site plans and informal redevelopment zone designations for underutilized and vacant properties. However, because of prior industrial and commercial use, several of these properties are considered brownfields. To facilitate redevelopment, it is necessary for the CFP to first develop a comprehensive inventory of these potential brownfield properties and to assess their environmental conditions. This will provide critical information on what, if any, environmental contamination exists that may hinder future redevelopment. These sites can then be prioritized for redevelopment.

Please accept this letter of support for the CFP Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant application. Should you have any questions/concerns I may be reached at (609) 633-1223, or at William.Lindner@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

William J. Lindner, Manager
Office of Brownfield Reuse

Cc: Kris Kolluri, Cooper Ferry Partnership
Frank McLaughlin, NJDEP

North Camden Community-Wide Assessment Project 2020
NARRATIVE

1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

a. Target Area and Brownfields

i. Background and Description of Target Area

Once a thriving industrial center - home to the RCA Victor Talking Machine Company, Campbell Soup, and the New York Shipbuilding Company - Camden, New Jersey has suffered from decades of population decline and industry loss. Since the 1930s, Camden's population has steadily declined and in 2010 approximately 77,344 people resided in Camden. Today, the City of Camden is home to a predominantly young, poor and minority population. In this aging urban center, over ninety (90%) percent of the population is identified as African-American, Hispanic or another ethnic heritage. Over thirty-five (35%) percent of Camden residents live below the poverty line, which far exceeds the statewide poverty level of 8.7%. Moreover, vulnerable populations, including youth (individuals under 25), comprise nearly half (47%) of the city's population.

The flight of commercial activity from this former industrial center has left the city overall with large amounts of vacant and contaminated land. This ten square-mile city contains two federal Superfund sites and 114 known contaminated sites, as well as a vastly disproportionate amount of polluting industrial facilities. Camden also serves as a regional center for waste disposal and "recycling" facilities, such as the regional incinerator, the county sewage treatment plant, and at least 30 other businesses which recycle scrap metal, hazardous waste barrels, construction debris and other contaminated waste.

In Camden's first neighborhood, North Camden, contaminate soil left by decades of industry is a very real problem for North Camden's present and future. Currently, about 80 acres of land in the neighborhood, equivalent to 29% of North Camden's total parcel area, are recognized as identified or suspected brownfields by either the City of Camden or the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). Concentrated along North Camden's waterfront, these lands, which contain mostly historic fill and/or low levels of contamination, have negatively impacted the value of local real estate and increased the challenge of redeveloping these parcels. The environmental conditions of the waterfront brownfields can be tied back to the land uses on the waterfront parcels from North Camden's industrial history. Environmental issues are likely to stem from railroad repair shops, ferry boat repair shops, underground storage tanks, and historic fill.

The brownfields in North Camden present a problem to the 6,528 residents that call North Camden home, but also a unique redevelopment opportunity. Through a collaboration of local leaders and residents under the umbrella of Save Our Waterfront (a coalition of individuals that live, work, or worship in North Camden), new investment in parks and open spaces, housing, youth services, and workforce training, is helping to transform this once crime-ridden community. The North Camden Community-wide Assessment Project will provide CFP with the

tools to direct the next phase of investments into the neighborhood.

ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)

The North Camden Community-Wide Assessment Project will target sites located in the North Camden neighborhood of the City of Camden, New Jersey. There are about 80 acres of land in North Camden, equivalent to 29% of the neighborhood's total parcel area, that are recognized as identified or suspected brownfields by either the City of Camden or the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). Concentrated along North Camden's waterfront, these lands, which contain mostly historic fill and/or low levels of contamination, can negatively impact the value of local real estate and increase the challenge of redeveloping these parcels. The environmental conditions of the waterfront brownfields can be tied back to the land uses on the waterfront parcels from North Camden's industrial history. Environmental issues are likely to stem from railroad repair shops, ferry boat repair shops, underground storage tanks, and historic fill.

The sites selected in consultation with our community partners and stakeholders will target areas designated for the development of the North Camden Waterfront Park and priority development sites.

The dominant landscape features in North Camden are the two rivers that create natural edges along three of the neighborhood's four sides. The Delaware River flows along North Camden's western and northern borders, and meets the Cooper River, which flows along North Camden's eastern side. And 28% of North Camden lies in a 100-year floodplain as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

b. Revitalization of the Target Area

i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans

Though North Camden has a rich history as an industrial neighborhood in close proximity to downtown Camden and Philadelphia, deindustrialization and the construction of a bridge and a prison left North Camden isolated from jobs and services, sending the community into a period of decline, characterized by vacancy, poverty, unemployment, and crime. In 2008, the North Camden Neighborhood Plan was created to lay the foundation for residents, community organizations, non-profits, governmental agencies and private sector partners to collaborate to reverse this decline and revitalize North Camden. The Plan, which engaged nearly 400 residents and dozens of stakeholders, received widespread support and was supported by Camden City Council and approved by the Camden City Planning Board as an amendment to the City's Master Plan.

A primary goal articulated in the Plan was to "restore the environmental health and natural ecology of the neighborhood's formerly industrial waterfront." This transformation of the physical environment is intended to reconnect the neighborhood with the River and provide new recreational amenities along the waterfront. Two key sites along the North Camden waterfront have been remediated and transformed from neighborhood blights to community gathering spaces. The North Camden Community-wide Assessment Project will enable CFP to

work with community residents, stakeholders, and local, county, and state agencies to further this transformation by completing Phase I and II site investigations and reuse planning for selected sites along the North Camden waterfront and within the core neighborhood.

ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy

North Camden has already seen great progress as the result of the North Camden Neighborhood Plan; for example, renovated and new houses are occupied, a \$4.9 million job training facility prepares North Camden's youth for careers, and renovated parks improved safety and created community gathering spaces. The assessment of the large brownfields ringing the neighborhood waterfront and dotting the neighborhood are integral to maintaining the momentum of redevelopment that is underway. The North Camden Community-wide Assessment Project will facilitate the creation of new waterfront trails and parks, new opportunities for affordable housing, and new opportunities for community assets after the cleanup of the selected sites.

c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources

i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse

CFP utilizes its nonprofit status to obtain funding, but also works in close coordination with the City of Camden and Camden Redevelopment Agency as an alternative means to access funding. Committed funds in furtherance of this project include \$189,000 from the William Penn Foundation to complete the feasibility design planning for a waterfront trail in North Camden. Potential sources of funding include: Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Funds (via Camden Redevelopment Agency), EPA Brownfields Cleanup grants, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Regional Trail funding. Additionally, CFP has previously secured funding for the development of parks and open spaces on former industrial lands from the NJDEP Green Acres Program, Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit program, and others that will anticipate may be sources of funds for the reuse of these sites.

ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure

North Camden is a fully built urban environment with an existing road network and water/sewer infrastructure. The redevelopment of the target sites will utilize this exiting infrastructure as much as possible. However, as outlined in the North Camden Neighborhood Plan, future redevelopment will include extending the road network to the waterfront.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

a. Community Need

i. The Community's Need for Funding

North Camden is one of the poorest neighborhoods in one of the poorest cities in the country. North Camden's median household income is \$16,718, 44% of the population lives in poverty, and 49% of neighborhood children and teens live in poverty. While there is private investment occurring in the city, this has been limited primarily to the downtown and central waterfront areas. Investments taking place in the North Camden neighborhood have been limited to grant funding, such as the federal TIGER grant that is funding infrastructure improvements in the neighborhood. Municipal resources are extremely limited, as the City of Camden has a

perpetual structural budget deficit. As a result, the North Camden community would not otherwise be able to provide the resources needed to complete the assessment of brownfields sites within their neighborhood without the assistance of the EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.

ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations

(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations: The target area, North Camden community is comprised of poor and minority residents, of which 36% in under the age of 18 and 10% are age 65 years or older. The project will facilitate improvement in the environmental conditions of land in the neighborhood that not only serves as a blight but potential health hazard to the already overburdened neighborhood population.

(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) County Health Rankings and Roadmaps reveal that, of a total of 21 NJ counties, Camden County ranks: 19th in quality of life; 18th in health behaviors; and 17th in physical environment, health outcomes and length of life. On a citywide level, there are higher incidences of asthma that may be associated with exposure to hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants.

(3) Disproportionately Impacted Populations: The residents of Camden live immersed in some of the Nation's worst environmental conditions. Exposure arises on all fronts, with Camden scoring at or above the 90th percentile in all exposure pathways and scoring between the 95th and 99th percentiles for wastewater discharges, superfund sites, lead paint, traffic proximity, risk management plans, and multiple air contaminant categories (source: USEPA EJSCREEN report for EJ Indices). Two Superfund sites exist in the City and additional contaminated sites are under investigation. A large regional wastewater treatment plant discharges to the surrounding waterways including the Delaware River, Delaware River Back Channel, Newton Creek, and Cooper River, and the antiquated underground infrastructure leads to combined sewer overflows during even moderate storms, resulting in untreated human wastes permeating the surrounding waterways.

There is no way for the blighted and struggling City of Camden to tackle all of these efforts without grant funding support. With 44% of residents in the project area living in poverty, Camden will need significant outside investments to address the inequity of environmental pollution that affects residents who have few options to avoid these environmental risks.

b. Community Engagement

i. & ii. Project Partners & Project Partner Roles

Cooper's Ferry Partnership (CFP) has been working in the City of Camden since 1984 and has demonstrated its commitment to the environmental and economic revitalization of Camden for decades. In 2013, CFP partnered with the City of Camden, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (CCMUA), NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to launch the Camden Collaborative Initiative (CCI). The CCI is building upon the success of environmental initiatives underway, made possible by

the efforts and resources of over 75 partners that have voluntarily come together to address the complex environmental issues present in the City. Project partners collectively work together through the CCI's Land and Brownfields working group to learn about and investigate their environment to make intelligent and informed decisions about the cleanup and redevelopment of the physical environment in Camden.

CFP has worked in the target area, North Camden, since 2005. CFP has served as a technical advisor to Save Our Waterfront (SOW), a North Camden "institution" with years of history as the representative for the neighborhood. CFP also leads the implementation of the North Camden Neighborhood Plan with a coalition group of North Camden stakeholders.

CFP will work with North Camden stakeholders and members of the CCI Land and Brownfields Working Group in making decisions on site selection, cleanup, and future redevelopment of the priority brownfields sites. In addition to the community partners listed below, CFP will be working in partnership with the City of Camden, Camden Redevelopment Agency, and NJDEP.

Partner Name	Point of Contact	Specific role in the project
City of Camden	Angela Johnston, Chief of Staff, anjohnst@ci.camden.nj.us, 856.757.7308	Liaison to Mayor and City departments
Camden Redevelopment Agency	James Harveson, Director of Economic Development, jaharves@ci.camden.nj.us, 856.757.7296	Project Advisory Committee; Govt contact regarding city/CRO-owned properties; brownfield reuse consultation
NJ Dept. of Env Protection	Frank McLaughlin, Office of Brownfield Reuse, frank.mclaughlin@dep.state.nj.us, 609.633.8227	Project Advisory Committee; Brownfield reuse consultation
Camden Lutheran Housing & Block Supporter Initiative	Betsy Clifford, Executive Director, bclifford@clhi.org, 856.342.8088	Sub awardee; Community Outreach support
Respond, Inc.	Wilbert Mitchell, wmithcell@respondinc.com, 856.365.4403	Project Advisory Committee; Provide input on redevelopment of sites
New Jersey Conservation Foundation	Justin Dennis, justin.dennis@njconservation.org	Project Advisory Committee; Provide input on redevelopment of sites
The Trust for Public Land	Danielle Denk, Danielle.denk@tpl.org, 215.240.7581	Project Advisory Committee; Provide input on redevelopment of sites
Concerned Citizens of North Camden	Felisha Reyes-Morton, Councilperson, felishareues@hotmail.com	Resident engagement

Camden Collaborative Initiative	Sarah Bryan, Director of Community Initiatives, bryant@coopersferry.com, 856.757.9154	Coordination with citywide sustainability initiatives
Hopeworks	Dan Rhoton, Executive Director, dan@hopeworks.org, 856.344.3865	Technology; resident engagement

ii. Incorporating Community Input

CFP has a proven track record of success in bringing together government, nonprofits, neighborhood organizations, and institutions for effective change while keeping residents at the center of our collective efforts. The North Camden Community-wide Assessment Project will build upon our existing efforts in the North Camden community and provide many opportunities for robust and genuine resident feedback. Resident input will be solicited on all aspects of the project, with specific consideration to site selection and redevelopment assessments. These opportunities include:

- Regular updates at the North Camden stakeholder meetings, held monthly. Meetings are held during the day and attended by both organizational leaders and residents.
- CCI Land & Brownfields meetings, which are open public meetings that are held bi-monthly.
- 3 community meetings to be held in the evening at a convenient neighborhood location.
- Project Advisory Committee will be established to provide input at key stages of the project.
- 2 public presentations at neighborhood events hosted by others.

3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS

a. Description of Tasks and Activities

Cooper's Ferry Partnership will utilize the EPA Brownfields Grant to implement a community-wide brownfields assessment program in the North Camden neighborhood in Camden, New Jersey. Working in partnership with the City of Camden, Camden Redevelopment Agency, neighborhood partners, and residents, the North Camden Community-wide Assessment Project will build upon previous planning initiatives with piecemeal assessments to further the redevelopment of this North Camden neighborhood. For the selected sites, the Project will characterize, assess, and conduct reuse and cleanup planning related activities. Specifically, the North Camden Community-wide Assessment Project entails the following tasks and activities to be completed over 2.5 years:

- **Task 1 - Cooperative Agreement Oversight:** CFP staff (Vice President, Director of Community Initiative, Project Manager, Controller) will lead cooperative agreement oversight to complete the North Camden Community-wide Assessment Project. CFP will oversee all project activities, complete all reporting requirements, maintain all project records, and manage all project budgeting, accounting, and contracting.

- **Task 2 - Community Outreach and Education:** CFP will ensure a robust community outreach and education effort including planning and facilitating all meetings and coordination with professionals. Camden Lutheran Housing will assist with community outreach to ensure resident participation. CFP will organize the Project Advisory Committee.
- **Task 3 - Phase I and Phase II Site Assessment Activities:** CFP staff will oversee the procurement of a Qualified Environmental Professional to complete Phase I and II site assessment activities for the selected sites. The products of the QEP will be reviewed with the CCI Land & Brownfields working group, Project Advisory Committee, and community on key milestones. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection, who are also members of the CCI working groups, will provide environmental regulatory oversight and act as Brownfields advisors. Phase I and II environmental site assessments, site reuse and cleanup planning work, general program management, and reporting will be undertaken by the QEP.
- **Task 4 - Site Reuse Assessment & Conceptual Planning:** Site reuse and conceptual planning for redevelopment will be completed for sites that have identified contamination. This will include an evaluation of site reuse and remediation strategies that will culminate in a plan to turn the abandoned and environmentally degraded properties into community assets. CFP will oversee the development of all recommendations and review proposals for consistency with the neighborhood plan.

b. Cost Estimates

Budget Categories	Task 1: Cooperative Agreement Oversight	Task 2: Community Outreach and Education	Task 3: Phase I and Phase II Site Assessment Activities	Task 4: Site Reuse Assessment & Conceptual Planning	TOTAL
Personnel	\$ 2,816	\$ 3,329	\$ 2,377	\$ 2,814	\$ 11,336
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,341	\$ 3,329	\$ 2,377	\$ 2,814	\$ 9,861
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 7,000
Contractual	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 204,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 259,000
Subaward: Camden Lutheran Housing	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Total Direct Costs	\$ 7,657	\$ 18,658	\$ 209,754	\$ 56,128	\$ 292,196
Indirect Costs	\$ 1,802	\$ 2,130	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,801	\$ 7,255
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 9,459	\$ 20,788	\$ 211,275	\$ 57,929	\$ 299,451

Direct + Indirect Costs)					
<p>Personnel: CFP Vice President (95 hours*\$63.69), Director of Community Initiatives (57 hours*\$39.53), Project Manager (92 hours*\$26.44), Controller (12 hours*\$49.96)</p> <p>Fringe: Fringe rates for personnel listed above includes health ins., dental ins., disability/life ins., workers comp ins., 401K match, payroll taxes, employer paid cell phone</p> <p>Supplies: Design/production of outreach materials; postage; Photocopying meeting materials; Newspaper advertisements for procurement of QEP; 1 new laptop/workstation</p> <p>Contractual: Fees to be paid to publicly procured Qualified Environmental Professional (s) to complete assessments; Assumes Phase I assessments for 12 sites at average of \$5K and Phase II assessments for 12 sites at average of \$12K; \$5K allocated for consultant assistance with community outreach (meeting attendance and materials preparation); and \$50K for site reuse planning for 10 sites at average of \$5K</p> <p>Subaward: Camden Lutheran Housing, neighborhood nonprofit partner, to conduct community outreach for project (100 hours *\$50)</p>					

c. Measuring Environmental Results

The North Camden Community-wide Assessment Project will result in clear and tangible outputs for the Camden community that set the stage for transformative environmental results with the cleanup and redevelopment of the selected sites. CFP staff will track project outputs and overall project results via quarterly progress reports as noted below. Additionally, CFP will monitor progress to ensure adherence to project timeline and budget in order to provide early identification of any potential project issues for development of a corrective action plan.

Administrative Outputs

- completion of Request for Proposal for QEP(s); public-bidding process complete with documentation; creation of Project Advisory Committee; completion of MOU for subaward; project team meetings; coordination with City of Camden and Camden Redevelopment Agency

Community Outreach and Education

- # of Project Advisory Committee meetings
- # of CCI Land & Brownfields meetings
- # of North Camden stakeholder meetings that project is discussed
- # of community meetings
- # of community presentations
- Improved knowledge of brownfields, via survey instrument
- # of residents engaged
- # of stakeholders/organizations engaged

Assessments

- # of completed Phase I environmental assessment reports

- # of completed Phase II environmental assessment reports

4. PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE

a. Programmatic Capability

i. & ii. Organizational Structure & Description of Key Staff

CFP has been committed for over 27 years to its mission of improving the City of Camden as a place to live, work, visit, and invest. Through an assortment of completed, ongoing, and developing projects, CFP is committed to using strategic planning to lay the groundwork for major redevelopment projects & initiatives in a revitalized Camden. CFP works towards its mission through a wide range of activities including development of major waterfront attractions, design and planning of municipal infrastructure, open space enhancement and green infrastructure, stormwater management, implementing improved streetscapes and roadways, and improved marketing to attract new businesses and support local business growth. CFP is working to cultivate vibrancy and a strong sense of place through physical upgrades and programming to attract new people, investors, and businesses.

Through all its work, CFP is committed to engaging the community of the City of Camden. Utilizing strategic planning techniques through coordination with neighborhood groups and individuals, CFP ensures that the Camden community voices their opinions, wants, and needs concerning projects. Citizens are engaged in all project development processes through such activities as community meetings and visioning efforts.

The North Camden Community-wide Assessment will be led by Meishka L. Mitchell, Vice President, who has over 15 years of experience in neighborhood planning efforts in Camden, Sarah Bryant, Director of Community Initiatives, with 8 years of experience on park and open space projects, including the first phase of the North Camden Waterfront Park, and Caroline Gray, Project Manager, who leads the Camden Collaborative Initiative including the Land & Brownfields working group.

iii. Acquiring Additional Resources

N/A

b. Past Performance and Accomplishments

i. Currently Has or Previously Received an EPA Brownfields Grant

CFP does not currently have, nor has ever received, an EPA Brownfields Grant

ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements

(1) Purpose and Accomplishments: While not a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Grant, CFP has extensive experience managing federal assistance agreements as a direct recipient or sub-recipient by the local government agency. In 2018, CFP successfully completed all outputs and milestones for an EPA Environmental Justice Small Grant (#QP-96266117) for the Camden Groves to the Estuary project. For this grant, CFP successfully led outreach efforts to Camden community groups planted 26 trees, and hosted 2 paddling events for Camden residents on the surrounding waterways. CFP was also the direct recipient of another EPA grant for the Pyne

Poynt Park Stormwater Management Project (XP-97210211-0) which was successfully completed in 2013.

CFP has recently managed two EPA assistance agreements on behalf of the City of Camden: Farnham Park Rehabilitation Project (#XP-97261706) for \$477,900.00, successfully completed in 2011 and Von Neida Park Wastewater Management Project (#XP-97291604) for \$964,300.00, successfully completed in 2015. For these stormwater management projects, CFP managed the design of project improvements, the NEPA approval process, all environmental permits and reviews, project construction:

(2) Compliance with Grant Requirements: Cooper's Ferry Partnership has been successful in managing these and several other federally funding projects, including meeting reporting requirements and all project outcomes, as well as millions of state, county, and private foundation grants each year.

iii. Never Received Any Type of Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements
CFP has managed Federal and Non-Federal Assistance Agreements

North Camden Community-Wide Assessment Project
THRESHOLD CRITERIA RESPONSE
For Community-Wide Proposals

Eligibility

Cooper's Ferry Partnership, Inc. (CFP) is a nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. See documentation attached.

Community Involvement

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Assessment Grant Documentation

CFP does not have an active EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

12/03/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Cooper's Ferry Partnership, Inc.

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

* c. Organizational DUNS:

1217327210000

d. Address:

* Street1:

2 Riverside Drive

Street2:

Suite 501

* City:

Camden

County/Parish:

Camden

* State:

NJ: New Jersey

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

08013-0501

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Meishka

Middle Name:

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* Last Name:

Mitchell

Suffix:

Title:

Vice President

Organizational Affiliation:

Cooper's Ferry Partnership

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

M: Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-05

* Title:

FY20 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

North Camden Community-Wide Assessment Project 2020 will support the transformation of former waterfront and neighborhood industrial lands in the environmental justice community of North Camden, NJ.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant

1

* b. Program/Project

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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

07/01/2020

* b. End Date:

12/31/2022

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	299,451.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	299,451.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☒ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

01/28/2019

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

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